

REMARKS

The Office Action dated June 15, 2004, has been carefully reviewed, and the foregoing amendment has been made in response thereto. Claims 8, 10 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite due to confusion between the terms "the input" and "an input." Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to recite "clutched input," which is distinguished from "the input" cited in Claim 1. The specification describes "input 10" and "clutched input 18" thereby supporting this amendment to the claims.

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as anticipated by Hirt (U.S. 2003/0051577 A). The Office Action states that the one-way drive connection recited in the claims is comparable to the hydraulically actuated friction clutch of Hirt. The specification and Claims 6 and 25 have been amended such that the one-way drive connection does not includes a friction clutch. The one-way drive connection recited in the claims is limited to a one-way clutch, a sprag one-way clutch, a roller one-way clutch, and a mechanical diode. The Hirt reference discloses nothing suggesting the use of a one-way drive connection that would include any of these components. Hirt, therefore, does not anticipate the claims of this application, as amended.

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, claims 1-30 define the invention over the prior art references, and the application appears now in condition for allowance. Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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